GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2911
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
FOETICIDE
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Lakshmi Ki Kilkari Maut Ke Sannate Mein Dubone Vala Hamara Sabhya Samaj` appeared in the Daily `Rashtriya Sahara` dated December 11, 1999;

(b) if so, the number of incidents of Foeticide brought to light during the last three years;

(c) the number of Foeticide cases registered, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to frame any law to check the Foeticide which reduce the percentage of women; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a) The Government is aware of the news item under caption `Lakshmi Ki Kilkari Maut Ke Sannate Mein Dubone Vala Hamara Samaj` which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara dated 11th December, 1999.

(b) & (c) State/UT-wise incidence of Foeticide during 1997, 1998 and 1999 is annexed.

(d) & (e) With a view to regulate and prevent the misuse of modern Pre-natal diagnostic techniques, which often follows, detection and selective abortion of female foetus, the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 has been enacted, in the country, with effect from 1st January, 1996. Disclosure of the sex of the foetus is strictly prohibited under this Act.

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INCIDENCE OF FOETICIDE DURING 1997 TO 1999

Sl.No	State/UT	1997	1998	1999	Figure of 1999 are upto the month of
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	3	December
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	0	September
3	Assam	0	0	0	December
4	Bihar	4	2	NA	NA
5	Goa	0	0	0	December
6	Gujarat	0	1	7	December
7	Haryana	12	9		December
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	1	December
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	1	1	November
10	Karnataka	0	0	0	December
11	Kerala	0	0	0	November(Oct)
12	Madhya Pradesh	21	12	17	December
13	Maharashtra	19	25	6	December (Aug. Sept. Nov.)
14	Manipur	0	0	0	December
15	Mehalaya	0	0	0	September
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	December
17	Nagalanad	0	0	0	December
18	Orissa	0	0	0	July
19	Punjab	0	2	3	December
20	Rajasthan	3	4	3	December
21	Sikkim	0	0	0	December
22	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	December
23	Tripura	0	0	0	December
24	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	December
25	West Bengal	0	0	0	December

TOTAL (STATES) 52 60 50

26 A&N Islands 0 0 0 December
27 Chandigarh 2 0 0 December
28 D & N Haveli 0 0 0 December
29 Daman & Diu 0 0 0 Noember (Aug.)
30 Delhi 3 2 0 December
31 Ladshadweep 0 0 0 December
32 Pondicherry 0 0 0 December

Total (UTs) 5 2 0

Total (All India) 57 62 50

SOURCE: MONTHLY RIME STATISTICS, (NCRB)

Note: 1. Figure are provisional

2. NA stand for not available/

3. Bracketed month in column 6 are missing.